

**From:** ahouston@chds.org  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:54 PM  
**Subject:** Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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cc: my members of Congress

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Sincerely,

Annie Houston  
ann houston  
907 east capitol street, se  
washington, DC 20003

**From:** Herb  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:55 PM  
**Subject:** FCC vote

Please vote no on letting more corporate giants like Rupert Murdoch monopolize the American media more than it already has.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Magill  
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Benicia, CA 04520=3513

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**Subject:** Don't allow big media to get even bigger

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Sincerely,  
Lisa Korus  
Apple Valley, MN

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Sincerely,  
Paul Burks  
684 Benicia Drive #53  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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Sincerely,  
Nick Tedesco  
25 Ridge Rd  
Succasunna, NJ 07876

**From:** Cheri McSpaden  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Dear Mr. Copps,

I was in the radio business for 20 years, and worked hard to be in a position to buy my own staion, but my dream was wrecked when the FCC ruled that big owners could gobble up all the little stations. Now when you drive across the country, every staion sounds almost exactly the same. Please don't do the same thing to TV.

Cheri McSpaden  
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Elkton MD 21921

**From:** marlyn11@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:44 PM  
**Subject:** Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: Pete Stark

Critical thinking in the United States is at risk! Please vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

I want and need to know what a diverse group of my fellow citizens has to say on topics ranging from frivolous to vital. The conglomerates can have their say too, they shouldn't be allowed to have all of it.

Sincerely,  
Marci Dillon  
California  
13th District  
Marci Dillon  
2286 Cherry St.  
San Leandro, CA 94577



**From:** joe st. clair  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:44 PM  
**Subject:** Vote on Media Consolidation

May 30, 2003

To Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

I am very concerned about the FCC proposed rule changes regarding media ownership rules and deregulation. We, the citizens of this country, are seeing misguided actions on several fronts to empower the rich and powerful, and un-empower the citizenry. I see no reason to hurry this action, just the contrary, the Chairman should spell out the details of this proposed rule to the public and to congress, delay the rule change, and open up a democratic debate about the consequences of this proposed ruling.

I wish to remind Chairman Powell, in particular, that though he may feel that the FCC "...is one of the most heavily lobbied federal institutions..... I don't, by the way, think that is a particularly good thing." , I believe just the opposite, that public involvement in decision making is what democracy is all about.

May I please hear from you all regarding this important public sector proposed rule making.

Sincerely,

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805-481-0472

**CC:** press@moveon.org

**From:** James Entz  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:45 PM  
**Subject:** Vote to Keep Regulations in Place

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I oppose the easing of regulations limiting media monopolies.  
The media is already too concentrated: too few people own too much. Free

speech is sacrificed when you concentrate ownership in the hands of a few conglomerates. Free speech is a cornerstone of our democratic society, our constitutional right. To restrict free speech by allowing media monopolistic practices is anti-democratic and in opposition to what is good about this country.

My family, friends, and even acquaintances whom I have informally polled are almost unanimous in their opposition to having fewer companies own the media in this country. These views are from Republican and Democrat,

liberal and conservative alike. Amongst these people, there is seldom any agreement, but in this there is.

How can easing these regulations be good for this country? It will benefit a very few, but the vast majority of the population of this great country will suffer. Instead of democracy, these actions lead to oligarchy.

Do what is in the best interests of this nation--please vote to keep these regulations in place.

Sincerely,  
James W. Entz

**From:** Steve  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:45 PM  
**Subject:** Commission meeting on Monday, June 2, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell, and the other commissioners,

I'm concerned that the FCC Commission meeting on Monday, June 2, you will almost certainly approve the change in ownership rules for media outlets. Since the original passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, we have been "enjoying" dumbed-down, lowest common denominator radio and TV programming, and this meeting on Monday will make it worse.

We also stand to lose local input, employment and services, as the major communications companies change from people-operated stations to robot-operated, satellite-fed repeaters. This has just happened in the case of WHCN 105.9 in Hartford, CT.

The prospect of one company controlling our radio, TV, newspaper, cable, satellite radio, internet, and billboards bodes ill for an informed community - for self-determination, as well as for electing the politicians who serve us.

Please raise your voice and stop this, essentially, behind-closed-doors steam-rolling of our freedoms.

Thank you,

Steve Morley

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** cjm50@yahoo.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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Sincerely,  
Caroline Moran  
San Diego, CA

**From:** Michael Ritter  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:45 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed FCC Deregulation

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed reduction of FCC restrictions on single ownerships of multiple media outlets. The argument that the changes must be made because if they are not, they will be made by the courts, is specious, at best, and only anticipates that the Bush administration will continue to appoint judges from the extreme right who will oppose all government regulation regardless of its value. I urge you all to support strong and independent media by voting against these proposed deregulations.

Michael Ritter  
Gardnerville, Nv  
mcdar@ableweb.net

**From:** uotrshgrl8@yahoo.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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Sincerely,  
Lydia Kantor  
1217A Mariner Dr  
san francisco, CA 94130

**From:** Looocas@aol.com  
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Lane Lucas  
4 Bartolo Baca Road  
Tijeras, NM 87059

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Sincerely,  
Loretta Hughes  
8016 Raintree Place  
Austin, TX 78759



**From:** stevemacdonald@attbi.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:46 PM  
**Subject:** Vote on media consolidation

*Commissioner Copps:*

As a concerned citizen, I call upon you to take action to delay the vote on media consolidation which is scheduled to take place Monday, June 2.

The process undertaken by the FCC in bringing this matter to vote has shown deliberate disregard for the views and opinions of the American people. The fact that the actual language of the rule change has not been made public and won't be known until after the vote is appalling. The fact that the FCC has only held a single meeting to hear the views of the public is even more disturbing.

It is crucial that we have a truly democratic, public debate about the consequences of this proposal. It is simply too important to push it through without allowing the citizenry to be heard. That is what democracy is about.

As a public servant, you are obligated to conduct the business of your agency in a fair, open, democratic manner. This is not optional. The nation will be watching and will not allow the FCC to hijack this process.

Steve MacDonald  
Quincy, Mass.

**From:** shalimarw@yahoo.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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Sincerely,  
Shalimar Wijay  
Fullerton, CA

**From:** lytsai@f2s.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:47 PM  
**Subject:** I support the FCC!

Dear Sirs and Madam:

I am an American. I have a Master's in Math and am a professional artist.

As an American born in the seventies, I have been witness to the gradual rise of the large media giants that has been due to the loosening of FCC regulations over the years. I have been increasingly concerned by the more and more jingoistic nature of the news reporting and abysmal quality of the broadcasting. This is what happens when big corporations take over.

From what we can understand of the proposed changes (as debate has been kept off the corporate media), the changes that you are considering will lead to further consolidation. We have had to revert to websites such as mediatank and mediareform to get an idea of the real issues at stake. We have a right to get honest objective news from our televisions!

We, the people, want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules for democracy's sake!

Sincerely,

Lun-Yi Tsai

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Everyone should have <http://www.freedom2surf.net/>

**From:** virglou@bnin.net  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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Sincerely,  
Louise Claassen  
Elkhart, IN

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Give the public voice a chance.

Sincerely,

William Groeschel  
William Groeschel  
4311 Newport Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92107

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Rebecca Munro  
Waco, TX

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Kathleen Johns  
1345 Linden Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80304

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Virgil Claassen  
Elkhart, IN



**From:** RKForret@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:49 PM  
**Subject:** Proposal of media concentration and ownership

To each committee member,  
Please do not loosen or remove the rules on media concentration and the ownership of stations, newspapers and etc. We need more diversity of ownership not less. Please delay the Monday, June 2nd vote to allow more time for debate and public input. I just think the public has not been informed enough to begin to pay attention. I hope I am not too late. Thanks you for your consideration. Patricia A Forret, 3041 350th Trail, Waukee, IA 50263 -tel 515-987-4359

**CC:** KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Sam Farmer  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:49 PM  
**Subject:** Vote AGAINST Media Consolidation

Keeping the media independent and local is extremely important to a free America. If the media is controlled by only a few rich companies then the vital role the media must play in democracy with checks and balances will not happen.

So...  
VOTE AGAINST MEDIA CONSOLIDATION

Sam Farmer  
1401 17th St  
Washington, DC 20036

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Huntsville, TX 77342-1092